

His Praiseworthy Deeds

Lesson 12

Jesus is a Friend

(Luke 19:1-9)

Note: If you are using flannel board, set up the scene with a house and trees.

STORY:

This little man is Zaccheus.
Can you say "Zaccheus"?
Zaccheus was not nice.
Zaccheus was bad.
The people did not like Zaccheus.
The people did not want to talk to Zaccheus.
They did not go to his house.
They did not smile at Zaccheus.
Zaccheus did not have friends.

"Go away, Zaccheus!" said the people.
"Jesus is coming."
We won't let you see Jesus, Zaccheus.
You are not nice!
You are bad."

But Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus.
Zaccheus sat in a tree.
He could see far away.
Maybe Zaccheus would see Jesus.

Step. Step. Step.
Here comes Jesus.
Step. Step. Step.
Here comes Jesus.
Step. Step. Step.
Stop.

Jesus looked up at Zaccheus.
"Come down, Zaccheus," said Jesus.
"I will go to your house.
I will be your friend."

Show Zaccheus (picture 12a).

Shake head "no."

Show the people (picture 12a).

Shake head "no."

Point to Zaccheus's house.

Shake head "no."

Make a "go away" gesture with your hand.

Show Jesus (picture 12b).

Shake head "no" repeatedly.

Show Zaccheus in a tree (picture 12c).

Point to Jesus (picture 12b).

Move your feet to show each step.

Point to Jesus and Zaccheus (picture 12d).

Make a beckoning gesture with your hand.

Nod head "yes."

Now Zaccheus was happy!
Jesus was his friend!
Zaccheus said, "I am bad.
I am sorry.
I don't want to be bad.
Help me, Jesus, to love you.
Jesus is my friend."

Smile.

Shake head; use a sad expression.

Jesus helped Zaccheus.
Jesus is a friend.

Point to Jesus and Zaccheus (picture 12d).
Nod head "yes."

REVIEW:

Zaccheus was bad.
The people did not want to talk to Zaccheus.
Did Jesus talk to Zaccheus? [yes]
The people did not go to Zaccheus' house.
Did Jesus go to Zaccheus' house? [yes]
Jesus is a friend.
Zaccheus was sorry that he was bad.
He was happy that Jesus was his friend.
Zaccheus loved Jesus.

SING:

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.

God Made Me (Use the verse "God helps me.")

God helps me, God helps me.
In my Bible book it says that God helps me.

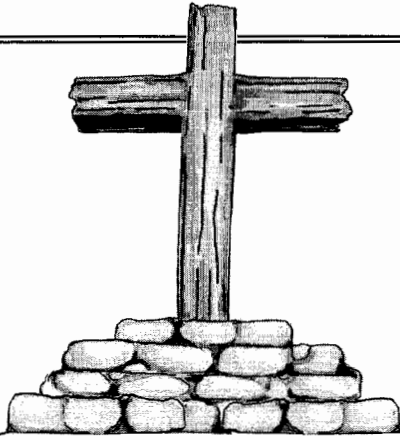
(Review songs from past lessons.)

PRAY:

Thank Jesus that He was a friend to Zaccheus.
Thank Jesus for helping Zaccheus.
Praise Jesus that He is a friend.

MEMORY VERSE:

Work on the scripture memory verses and/or *Foundation Verses*.



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STORY:

Jesus is a Friend to Zaccheus (Luke 19:1-9)

THEME:

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AT HOME:

Talk about friends. Help your child list some of his friends. Remind your child that Jesus is your best friend.

PRAY:

Praise Jesus that He is a friend.

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